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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 23 (cancelled)

Claims 24 (original)

A tieback rod for use in bracing a retaining wall, comprising:  
a rod shaft having a first end and a second end; and  
a portion of said tieback rod being a pultruded composite material.

Claim 25 (original)

The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said tieback rod is of a unitary construction.

Claim 26 (original)

The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said rod shaft further comprises a metallic material encased within a pultruded composite material.

Claim 27 (original)

The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said rod shaft is of a predetermined diameter and said first end is separated from said second end by a predetermined length.

Claim 28 (new)

The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said first end is operable to be secured to a tieback system anchor.

Claim 29 (new)

The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said second end includes a threaded portion, said threaded portion operable to matingly engage threads of a tieback fastener.

Claim 30 (new)

The tieback rod of claim 29 wherein said thread portion of said second end and said tieback fastener are contained within a channel of a retaining wall support member when said tieback fastener is matingly engaged with said threaded portion of said second end, wherein said retaining wall support member includes one of a cap channel and a wale.

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Claim 31 (new)

The tieback rod of claim 26 wherein said metallic material is one of galvanized steel and stainless steel.